JORUM CLUB.

The Juggler's

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JAMES

MEMBERS.

Miss Ellen Lisle Barnes

" Josephine Chamberlain Barnes

" Emma Farr Boyd

~~Luey Haddock Carstairs~~

" Amy Comegys

" Clara Comegys

Mary Elizabeth

" ~~Marian~~ Comegys

Lydia Maxwell

" ~~Lily~~ [^] Seest

" Louise ^{Wakeman} [^] Junkin

Hetty Vanuxem Sparhawk

Honorary Member.

M^{rs} B. B. Comegys J^r

4317 Walnut St.

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3711 Walnut St.

~~3919 Chestnut St.~~

4205 Walnut St.

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1231 Spruce St.

1725 Spruce St.

3809 Chestnut St.

MEMBERS.

John Cornish Boyd

John Samuel Boyd

Benjamin Bartis Comegys Jr

Benjamin Girard Comegys

~~James Stuart Dickson~~

~~Edgar Dudley Faries~~

John Marshall Gess

Hubert Howson

~~Charles Irvin Junkin~~

~~Lyman Sewell Lincoln~~

~~Henry Bishop Rockwell Jr~~

John Sparhawk Jr

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3711 Walnut St.

House of Refuge

4205 Walnut St.

3922 Walnut St.
1826 Mt. Vernon St.
532 Walnut St.

1231 Spruce St.

1911 Fairmount av.

~~1725 Spruce St.~~

~~333 N. 32nd St.~~

3322 Walnut St.

3809 Chestnut St.

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Genii of the
Forum Club.

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The Juggler- Hubert Howson.

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CONSTITUTION

of the

JORUM CLUB.

I.

This social circle shall be known to the select few as "The Jorum Club"

II.

The object of the Jorum Club = enjoyment.

III.

The officers of the Forum Club shall be known, also to the select few, as the Genii of the Forum Club and shall consist of a Presiding Genius and a Juggler, to be elected and hold office at the will of the Club

IV.

The duties of the Presiding Genius shall be such as the name implies, while the Juggler shall be the guardian of the Exchequer Jug and the records.

V.

The Forum quorum shall be eight.

VI.

The club shall meet at eight o'clock on evening once a fortnight, unless otherwise agreed on, at the house of one of the lady members, the latter being taken in alphabetical order.

VII.

At each meeting the ladies of the club shall provide limited refreshments, to wit, jelly or equivalent, two kinds of cake and candy if thought fit, together with coffee and lemonade, the jelly and coffee to be made by the hostess, while the cakes for each meeting are to be made by two lady members in alphabetical order.

VIII.

At each meeting the hostess for the succeeding meeting may appoint two gentlemen of the Club to act with her as a committee on amusements for such succeeding meeting.

IX.

The members of the Club shall be ~~liable for~~ fined ten cents for absence from any regular meeting and five cents for lateness, the fines to be paid to the juggler as soon as the delinquent comes to meeting.

The Juggler's Kaleidoscope.

Juggle the first.

The Germ of the Forum Club.

Scene 1. Parlor of 4205 Walnut St.
Time - March 24/81 - Evening.

Dramatis Personae -

Miss E. L. Barnes

Miss J. C. Barnes

" E. F. Boyd

" A. Comegys

" C. Comegys

" M. E. Comegys

" L. M. Sest.

Mr J. C. Boyd

" B. B. Comegys Jr.

" B. G. Comegys

Mr Linson -

Mr Hubert Howson

Outline of the Plot:—

Organization of a club, discussions on proposed rules of club, what for, what to do, what to eat, time of meeting, where and when, name of club, numerous names suggested, none accepted - even "Pic-nic" coldly received. Fines suggested for various indiscretions - treasurer to hold money jug, brilliant thought of ~~xxx~~ - call him "Juggler". Endless suggestions and motions never carried except in mind of proposer, but constitution outlined. Game of Truth strenuously urged by Mr. Boyd - Frowned down. Cartoons - brilliant efforts artistic and literary. Adjourned for equivalents - Transformation scene -

Scene II. Dining room. Snow

pudding, lemonade and
 paper cakes discussed - More
 suggestions on rules. Com-
 mittee on name appointed
 by the Presiding Seniors and
 on amusements by hostess
 of next meeting! Exit to

Scene 3. Parlor. Same-name
 unknown -
 Good night.

Juggle the second.

Scene 4317 Walnut St.

Time. April 8, 1881.

Additions to the cast

Miss Junkin -

Drs Boyd and Rockwell.

Absentees:

Miss East.

Mr Linson and Mr Howson.

~~New members. Miss Junkin.~~

The juggler having been absent does not know what quaint pictures his Kaleidoscope turned out, but the hostess tells him the most important ones might have been labelled thus:

Discussion on name - "Jorum" wins the day and "Jorum" we are.

Easter Eggs hatch out fortunes in verse kindly prepared by Mr John Sparhawk Jr - Game of Noah's Ark and Equivalents.

Jungle the third.

Scene - 3711 Walnut St.

Time - April 21. 1881.

Constitution read. Approved by ladies and they being in the majority, the gentlemen of the forum concurred. Mr J. C. Boyd tried to wedge in an announcement that he had a case to bring before the meeting. Temporarily suppressed. Minutes of first meeting read and approved. Enter Linson late - Fined. Mr J. C. Boyd again ~~the~~ to the front with his usual grievance - greatest oratorical effort of his life - arraignment of fair unknown for alleged misbehaviour in church the unhappy man again suppressed and weighted down with a vote of severe censure.

Dr Rockwell suggested Laura
Jennis for The Forum. Enter
Dr Boyd - fine.

Amusement committee open
their budget with the "Ballad of
Mary Jane" in Richouette,
with the following superb
cast

Mary Jane - Miss Boyd
Benjamin - Mr J. C. Boyd
Lord Mortimer - Mr Linson
Stern Parent - Dr Rockwell.

Miss Clara Comegys kindly,
acting as reader and Miss
J. C. Barnes as Orchestra.

Received with much ~~applause~~
applause. Same of

Noah's Ark

March on the equivalents
to appropriate rollicking choruses
from the Sorcerer. Mr B. B. Comegys
Jr. and Dr Rockwell-committee on
Laura Jennis. Songs from the
Sorcerer and then Good night.

Evening of May 6/81
- 1231 Spruce St.

Juggle 4th -

Absentees B. S. Cornegys and
Dr. Rockwell.

New members - Edgar Dudley Faries
and John Marshall Best -

The scene opens with an
exciting debate arising out
of the juggler's persevering
efforts to collect fines from
delinquents - much talk,
small pay. Net result

\$1.35, funds in hand in-
cluding the 20¢ previously
collected. Minutes read

and approved. Report from
Lawn Tennis committee

called for - section of com-
mittee report progress.

Club graciously accepts
report and committee
continued with addition of

Mr. Linson. Committee requested to make final report at next meeting and to give it some encouragement. The committee is authorized to purchase a set of lawn tennis requisites for not more than \$15, and put it up on the best available ground in West Philadelphia.

Business meeting adjourns for silhouettes, to which every member bravely submits.

Opposition concerts - two verses chorus of mixed voices. The scene shifts to Equivalent room, gaily decorated with silhouette portraits of members.

Equivalents discussed to general satisfaction.

New and revised edition of Blind man's bluff, with very little of the blind about it!

The victims to be caught being represented by the silhouettes pinned on the door—Ladies of course choose gentlemen and vice versa.

Kaleidoscope turns the scene back to the parlor with Dr. Boyd as the principal actor in some entertaining recitations—

Good evening!

Evening of May 20/81
172st Spruce St

Juggle the 5th

Absentees - Miss Ellen Lisle
Barnes & Mr John Marshall
Sext.

The juggler's Kaleidoscope
first turns on the performance
of "Alonzo the brave, or all on
account of Eliza" an operatic
drama in seven acts, four
scenes and three tableaux;
founded on fiction: with
the following unparalleled cast

Eliza: Mr. Rockwell

Alonzo: B. B. Conners Jr

The Masher, Mr. James

The Turk, Mr. Lincoln

The Priest: Mr. Stowson

Greeted with thunders of
applause, and the leading

lady and gentleman called before the curtain. No flowers.

After the opera, came the equivalents, with an extra dish kindly contributed by M^r Junkin. The Kaleidoscope then turns again, to the ~~par~~ parlor. The presiding genius calls the meeting to order, but like spirits called from the vasty deep, they will not come when called. The juggler

tried to read the minutes, too much racket for him.

An hour spent in excavating the fines and assessments from the unwilling pockets of the members, with partially successful results.

After getting all the

money he could, the juggler disappeared from the scene and the rest of the doings of the forum that evening are thus chronicled by an eye-witness: -

" Mr. Howson being obliged to leave the forum rather early in the evening Dr. Rockwell was elected juggler pro. tem. by a large and enthusiastic majority; and after considerable confusion on the part of the ladies, the business was resumed. A motion was made and carried that Mr. Benj. Edward Connegys be appointed a committee of one to keep the small boys off the Lawn Tennis grounds. - motion made and carried by a somewhat doubtful majority that Dr. Rockwell be a committee

of me to climb the fence after the Tennis ball, which Office, he now wishes respectfully to resign.

After a good deal of wrangling and disputing at this point, a motion was finally carried that Field day be on Thursday of each week at 4.30 p.m.

A motion was here made by a previously disappointed candidate for the Office of Juggler pro. tem. that no two games be played in succession by the same party. After some debate this motion was finally carried.

Motion made and carried that a vote of Thanks be extended to Miss Barnes for so kindly offering the room the use of the

elegant and capacious grounds at 4209 Walnut St. Motion made that the sum of two dollars be appropriated by the club for the purchase of arrows and that Mr Boyd, J. Chesterfield, be requested to expend that amount in the purchase of said arrows. This motion was carried, though by a very small majority, which seemed to be due to the lack of confidence in the aforementioned J.C.B.

Motion made & carried that the absentees be informed of the date of field day.

Motion made and carried that the forum adjourn to meet at the residence of Miss J.C. Barnes 4317 Walnut

on Thursday evening June 2nd
 there to partake of a "Wood
 and Tea"

Respectfully submitted
 Henry B. Rockwell Jr. M.D.
 Juggler pro. tem. J. C."

The Juggler begs to add to
 his ~~that~~ at the time he
 disappeared, M^r Luison was
 about to make a report
 from the committee on lawn
 tennis. The Juggler believes
 said committee reported the
 purchase of the lawn tennis
 set for the sum of \$16.50
 and the Juggler disbursed
 that amount with the
 further sum of \$1. for arrows
 purchased by M^r Boyd,
 leaving in the Jug the
 sum of \$3.71 as per
 following statement; -

Juggler's Account.

Rec'd

Lawn Tennis Assessments..	\$19.00
Fines for absence, 10 at 10¢....	1.00
Fines for lateness, 22 at 5¢ —	1.10
Conscience fund - - -	.01
Total receipts —	<u>\$21.11</u>

Paid

Lawn Tennis Committee	\$16.50
Arrow Committee	<u>1.00</u>
	17.50
Bal. in hand	<u>\$3.61</u>

One outstanding fine unpaid	<u>.10</u>
	<u>\$3.71</u>

Evening of June 2/81
4205 Walnut St.

The juggler having reviewed the sixth scene brought to sight by the turn of his Kaleidoscope, thus indexes for future reference, the strange and mysterious doings of the mortals of the Forum Club on this occasion.

Preliminary caucus of the obstructionist element - small in numbers, but gifted with an ample space 'twixt the eyelid and the chin -

Roll call. Graceless interruptions from the clique. The Presiding Genius as a peace party.

Reading of minutes proceeded with - Happy thought of the filibusters - "Call the roll again!" The juggler obdurate. Defeat of

of the nihilists, who thereupon canvass for a new election. Lack of enthusiasm on the subject, whereupon the suppressed party goes to pieces from internal dissension.

Calls for the "Woodland Tea" which was to have been set out at 4317 Walnut St. 'Tis a mystery.

Motion by Mr Bartis that the Club should present each member on the anniversary of his or her birthday with a handsome present. Motion dies from natural causes.

Procession of strange and unheard-of animals into "Noah's ark"

Discussion of equivalents, during which Woodland Tea party at Wissahickon by way of Chestnut still suggested, Mr Kneeder having

Kindly offered his services -
 Conundrum by Mr Boyd, J.C.
 "Who is Mr Kneeleigh?"

And the forum silently etal
 away, leaving the Woodland
 Lea an unsolved problem.

Absentees - Miss Gert, Dr Rock-
 well, B. S. Comegys, Mr Gert.

Additions to the cast. Miss
 Carstairs, Miss Sparhawk and
 Mr Sparhawk -

Rec'd for fines .35[¢]

~~Dues unpaid .45[¢]~~

Assessments rec'd \$2=

Cash on hand

\$2.35

3.61

\$5.96

Dues unpaid

.45

\$6.41

Thursday
June 16/81

Field day of the outdoor club. Large attendance, owing doubtless to prospect of lunch on the lawn.

The arrival of five barrels of ice cream in the plumbers wagon creates much excitement in the camp. Archery immediately abandoned and even the lawn tennis temporarily stopped in the loud calls for the woodland tea.

With the kind and invaluable assistance of some of the unemployed gentlemen who had been hovering around the ice cream barrels a site is selected for the lunch table. The feast is spread by the ladies under the

personal supervision of Messrs
Conegys (B.G.) and Boyd (J.C.)

Some benighted beings
think lawn tennis more
fascinating than the lunch
table and chase the festive
tennis ball with a mouth
full of cake, a racquet
in one hand and a sandwich
in the other. The ice cream
being gored, however, the game
is finally abandoned. Three
barrels of ice cream disposed
of, after which the banquet
breaks up, the gentlemen go
in for leap frog and the
ladies for a private and
select game of tag. More
games for both girls and boys,
while some of the male
members of the club prostrate
themselves beneath a tree on
the hillside, presumably to

sleep off the effects of the overdose of brigue, strawberry and pineapple.

Songs after sunset. Boisterous line of march to The Barne where the gentlemen are permitted to drink.

Business meeting called to order, while some of the gentlemen are still upstairs hunting for shaving tackle. Roll call. B. B. Conneely Jr and Dr Rockwell absent - gone to explore for the lost ice-cream. Minutes read. Moved that they be not accepted. Motion laid on table, and Presiding Genius declares minutes approved. Proposition to fine and expel Dr Rockwell. Fruitless attempt of the juggler to collect fines and assessments. Adjourned to indulge in sentiment and scandal.

Condition of the Jrg. ~~July 13/81~~

Cash in hand	5.96
Rec'd outstanding fines	.45
" Ice cream Assessmt's	4.50
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	\$ 10.91

Paid Ice cream committee		
\$6.20 - less .70 ⁺ rec'd from		
M ^{rs} B.B. Conways.	\$5.50	
Paid "Quoitet" committee	2.50	8.00
	<hr/>	
		\$ 2.91

~~Assessments unpaid~~

~~~~~~~~~~50~~~~~~~~~~

~~~~~~~~~~\$ 3.11~~~~~~~~~~

Dividend from July 4 th	
Spree	1.30
July 13/81. Cash in hand	
	\$ 4.21

July 15/81 - Transferred to the
Disbursing Committee 4.21

Nov. 1/81. Disbursing committee
Report.

July 15/81. Cash received \$4.21

July 14/81. Ice cream \$3.20

Oct. 1/81. Muslin & hair-

pins -

\$89 4.09

Nov. 1/81. Balance

\$12

Philadelphia

Nov. 10 /81.

The fall campaign of the Forum Club opened with a meeting at 4205 Walnut St. where an exciting election was held. But as the juggler was not on hand with his pencil and note book, Mr. J. S. Boyd was appointed juggler pro tem., and his story runs thus:

Library 4205

11. 10. /81.

Presiding Senius in the chair. Brother J. S. Boyd appointed secretary pro tem., the juggler being absent. After a charming address of welcome by the President, the Forum proceeded to the election of officers.

Mr. Gess in a glowing speech of commendation

placed in nomination

the names of our present officers
 Miss Connegys and Mr Howson.

Mr J.C. Boyd then arose and
 in stentorian ~~but~~ tones nomin-
 ated Messrs B.B. Connegys Jr and
 Dr Rockwell.

After a scathing address by
 Mr John Sparhawk Jr regarding
 the gentlemen last mentioned
 whom he made immortal by
 dubbing them the torpedo and
 the whale, flung to the breeze
 the flag bearing the illustrious
 names of Miss Amy Connegys
 and our most popular "sorcerer".

A motion to have three officers
 instead of two, as heretofore, was
 defeated.

Mr B.B. Connegys Jr was unanim-
 ously requested to act as judge
 of elections on this momentous
 occasion.

As the list was called, the

votes for Mrp Amy Comegys and J.C. Boyd piled up with scarcely a break, and they were declared elected.

A motion to have ~~are~~ the election declared unanimous was objected to by a defeated candidate.

The inaugural of the newly elected juggler ~~was~~ simply a withdrawal on the part of the new Genius and himself, which was followed by the entire fourteen votes casting their ballots for the exponents of the old regime.

The juggler appeared on the scene in time to assist at the closing of the polls, and to the minutes of Dr. Boyd he has only to add that the Presiding Genius and the juggler declined to continue

in office and offered their resignations, but the club with the exception of one of the defeated candidates, insisted on a continuance.

It was decided to meet on Thursday of every other week and that the next meeting should be on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1881, to avoid Thanksgiving day, but subsequently under the genial influence of the refreshments, it was decided to postpone ~~the~~ the meeting until Thursday evening Dec. 1, 1881 at 4317 Walnut St.

Forum.

The Barne

4317 Walnut St.

Thursday Dec. 1/81.

The late comers to this gathering were greeted with an air of mystery that was not reassuring and a secret caucus of some of the Jova upstairs, with anxious inquiries for M^r Sparhawk did not throw much light on the ~~subject~~ proceedings.

A section of the amusement committee, however, came down and endeavoured to divert the attention of the ladies by a game which he announced as entirely new under the name of "The Prince of Paris has lost his cap" but rumor has it that the

game, as well as the cap was misappropriated. The game progressed however under the able directions of the other section of the amusement committee, who though out of sight made himself heard from the top of an intellectual and material staircase, until he finally came down to a proper level and conducted the proceedings in person. When this exhausted itself, he killed time in rendering some ~~poly~~ polyglot songs to his own accompaniment.

The promised but mysterious play was postponed until after the ~~play~~ refreshments, when at length Mr Sparhawk was announced & hailed with delight by those in the plot. The stage was

then cleared for the play and the realistic drama, in two acts, of "Peter's Will, or Lawyer and Lover" was performed with the following remarkable cast
 Peter Cullen B.B. Comegys Jr
 M^{rs} Costello -- Dr Rockwell
 M^{rs} Sparhawk Jr - the juggler.

After the applause following the fall of the curtain had subsided and Dr Rockwell had returned from the green room warbling "Conceive me if you can, a commonplace young man", a business meeting was held. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been ~~held~~^{read} were strongly objected to by the two defeated candidates known now as the Broken Ring, fortunately the only

ring this Club has been troubled with, since its organization. The minutes nevertheless were approved and the juggler then again tendered his resignation, which was accepted, thanks to those members who had the courtesy to recognize his desire to withdraw.

All the gentlemen were successively nominated for the position but either from the fear of defeat or from an aversion to making themselves useful, they one and all made excuse and the Club weakly accepted their excuses.

The name of Miss J. C. Barnes was also proposed, but the ladies being in the majority voted down any proposition to have a lady juggler.

The result was that the past grand juggler had to resume his former duties.

M^r B. B. Comegys Jr called the attention of the Club to the fact that a large and commodious room had been secured rent free for winter tennis, but when he incidentally mentioned the item of expense incurred in fitting up the room considerable reluctance was manifested in going into the scheme.

M^{rs} Comegys having manifested an unusual interest in the Club by the paying of certain Ice cream bills, was elected an Honorary member.

M^r J. C. Boyd, who attended the performance of the Drama in immaculate white bread

plate and accompaniments
announced that the next
meeting of the forum would
be at 3711 Walnut St. and
after some fruitless ^{efforts} to change
the day of meeting, the
mob dispersed.

3711 Walnut St.
Thursday Dec. 16/81.

The roll-call was responded to by all except Mr Sparhawk, Mr Dickson, Mr Faries, Mr Gess, Mr Junkin and Mr Sparhawk.

The minutes of the previous meeting met with even more than their usual share of disapproval and the gentlemen of the Club got so boisterous about it that Mr B. F. Comery was appointed Sergeant at arms to keep order. He made several attempts to do so by crushing B. B. Comery Jr but the attempts were unsuccessful. The principal objections to the minutes seemed to be directed to the expression

at the close that "the mob dispersed", but on division on a motion that the minutes be not accepted, they were declared approved by a majority of one, the Presiding Senior giving the casting vote. She in the most kindly manner suggested to the Juggler however, that it would be well to change the expression used. The Juggler expressed his entire willingness to comply with the suggestion and the gentlemen need not have gone to the trouble to make the exhibition they did when the guests were departing to convince him that he was in error and that they had never before quite descended to the level of a circus. The Juggler began to say that he

has withdrawn the words "mob dispersed" from the last minutes and substituted the less accurate but more formal "meeting adjourned".

M^r B. B. Conroy Jr, the stump orator of the Club, then held forth on the subject of the Bank Tennis Club explaining its formation, composition and condition. He moved that the B. T. C. purchase the implements of the J. T. C. at reduced rates but a prospective lady member of the B. T. C. went one better and moved that the latter have the privilege of using the implements without charge. As the Bank Tennis Club appeared to control the meeting, the

motion was carried, and a motion to reconsider was voted down. Mr B. B.

Comegys Jr then continued his speech at intervals, informing the ladies who had voted for the B. T. C. that the Club would be glad to have them ~~come~~ down to play Bank Tennis at their convenience - at an initiation fee of one dollar each. The business meeting here temporarily adjourned to indulge in the exciting games of "characteristics" and "Ha'ha' or the Spasmodic Hyena". The prize in the latter game was awarded to four persevering members, who failed to laugh each other down.

The Club tried to recover its equanimity by coming to

order again to discuss
fines and a Christmas Tree.
It was decided to continue
the fines as before begin-
ning with the next meet-
ing and it was decided
also to have a Christmas
Tree, but the where and
when were left questions
for the future. The priest
of the parish " was received
again and then a move
was made on to the Re-
freshments, after which
lots were drawn for the
Christmas Tree names, and
an attempt was made to
sing pieces of Patience. Mr.
Spahhawk came in to
announce the next meet-
ing at 3809 Chestnut St.
on Thursday December 30th
1881, and the lady members
of the forum struggled off

to their several homes as well as the mob of male members would permit.

4205 Walnut St.
The Library
Wednesday, Dec. 29/81.

The Joann Club Christmas Tree!

The juggler was so overpowered and dazzled by the splendors and fairy-like wonders ~~that~~ ~~were~~ plucked from the tree that his powers of description fail him.

The mere mention of the occasion, however, will serve to call to ^{the} minds of the members more vivid pictures that the juggler's pen can call forth.

3809 Chestnut St.
Dec. 30/81.

In coming to this meeting, the members did not seem to have fully awakened to the fact that the constitutional rule as to fines had gone into force again and the consequence was that there were many fined but few paid.

After the calling of the roll and the reading of the minutes, there were the customary objections, but the minutes were nevertheless declared approved.

A communication from Mr. C. I. Junkin, tendering his resignation as a member of the Forum Club was read and ~~expressed~~ on motion his resignation was accepted.

with regret.

An offer from Mr. Houston placing himself and his photographic apparatus at the disposal of the Club for Monday Jan. 2nd/82 was accepted.

A suggestion was made that the Juggler should keep a stationery and postage stamp account and the suggestion was agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned to clear the decks for a rattling game of Noah's Ark with Mr. John Chesterfield Boyd in the comic role of Judge. There was presented a so-called charade, but as the ladies would not assist in any other than the French sense of the word and as the thread of the plot was cut in two by songs

between the acts, the noble and persevering efforts of the players were not appreciated. A resort to the refreshments which followed, however, put them in a good humor again.

More music, vocal and instrumental, brought around the time for the members to be wending their way homewards, and a more orderly dismissal for the night has never been recorded in the annals of the Forum.

1882.

1725 Spruce St.

Jan. 12 / 82

This meeting developed the fact that fines have no longer any terrors for the Jorumites. They are all either becoming rich or reckless, probably the former, for they still dislike to pay the fines, although they have the carelessness to incur them.

While waiting for a few of the stragglers, the business meeting was postponed, and the Juggler indulged in the usual pastime of getting the fines out of the close-mouthed purses of the Jorum bond-holders, but it was as usual a tooth-extracting business.

After he had raised the total to a little over \$2.00, Miss Junkin started the insur-

ing game of searching for five cents, the expedition going from the stairway to the stove. During the search, reports came in that two of the members were missing, but shortly after the adjournment to the Refreshments, the lost Sparrowhawks flew in. Then came the exciting attempt to blow a harmless feather over a large napkin, which continued until the chief blower inadvertently swallowed the feather and choked himself. To cheer him up, the circle gravely discussed the death of Mr. McFadden.

The business meeting was then called, the minutes read and approved, without knowing exactly whether they were correct or not. Loud calls were made by a few members for explanation of alleged jokes in

the minutes, but the juggler remained a sphinx on this point.

A communication from Mr. Dickson was read and ordered to be placed in the archives, after which the gathering dispersed.

4205 Walnut St.
Wednesday. Jan. 25/82.

The juggler confesses his inability to cope with the greatness of the occasion of the Oscar Wilde reception. He cannot even rise to the intellectual level of a "truthful James" and record the details of the wild, weird and wonderful costumes worn at this aesthetic gathering. His bewildered brain could only grasp the idea that the male members of the throng were clad in costumes suggestive of a hybrid mixture of tennis and Orpheus concert, with hints in some cases of the aesthetic continuations of the British footman. As for the ladies, they wore anything and everything from a table cloth to

a wish of straw, at least so it seemed to the juggler.

The lackadaisical youths, after much persuasion, impatient applause and musical overtures were induced by the wail of "Twenty lovesick maidens we!" to descend from the heights above and come down to the level of other mortals.

With that peculiarly bored expression, suggestive of a yearning for "the customary half-holiday", they threaded their flowery ways through the maze of hump beauty littered over the floor and then made a break for the library.

Gathering courage again, they returned and then Oscar held an informal reception and the ladies were presented to the gentlemen, who successively personated the lion of the evening.

After the ice of reserve had been thus somewhat broken up, a move was made on the piano and for the succeeding hour or so, all the available airs from "Patience" were several times effectually murdered, some with appropriate pantomime and some without.

After an aesthetic repast, to which every one did ample justice, the people became more matter-of-fact and the last vestige of the aesthetic manner disappeared with the opening of the business meeting and the announcement of the verdict of the Sinteran jury.

With the exception of the appointment of the next meeting at 4317 Walnut St. for Feb. 16, 1882, the only matter of interest before the meeting

appeared to be M^r-Sinison's withdrawal from the Club to go west. Efforts were made to get up a speech from one or other of the members and from M^r-Sinison himself, but the efforts were unsuccessful. The only semblance of a speech was a prediction from M^r-Faries, that the gentleman would return in a few years either a railroad king or the hero of a dime novel.

The forum evidently believes that there is more virtue in a grip of the hand than in a wag of a tongue and all that every one had to say was condensed in Ben's hearty "Well, goodbye, old man!" —

The Barne

4317 Walnut St.

Thursday Feb. 16/82

The business meeting was the first matter to engage the attention of the club this time, and the minutes of the previous gathering were as usual passed by Presidential mandate.

Dr. Bryd read a communication setting forth the wonderful curative properties of J. C. B.'s Electric Battery.

The literary ability displayed in the preparation of this document seems to have burst in on the forum as a kind of a revelation, so that when Mr. Sparhawk suggested the idea that the forum should write a novel each member to contribute a chapter, two to be produced at each meeting.

The proposition was eagerly grasped at, notwithstanding the fact that one of the unwritten bye-laws of the is that it shall not be literary.

Doubtless, however, a surfeit of Noah's Ark, Prince of Paris, five cent exploring expeditions and so on had prepared the members to take up anything, and so the preparations for the publication were set afloat and lots were drawn for the first two victims.

Then the new and exciting game of Rachel and Jacob was started and a prominent member of the Club, under the impression that it was a kissing game, threw himself into it heart and soul. After every one had become tired out with laughter and involuntary embracing, the more brain-taxing game of Quotations was

tried. When this ran out, Mr Sparhawk started the two minute story of blood and thunder and John C. Boyd was about to follow with his chapter, when refreshments were announced and the narrator stopped short and headed a stampede into the back parlor.

Having got through this, the principal part of the performance apparently and being satisfied that there was nothing more to come, the members of the forum went home.

3711 Walnut St.
Friday Mch. 3/82

The Boyd Ball.

An impromptu meeting of the Forum was held on this festive occasion on a secluded spot on the upper landing to celebrate a victory.

A certain member of the Club had defied, openly defied, the Forum to introduce him to a certain young lady known under the nom de guerre of B — B —

A select committee took the matter in hand and without much ado, inveigled the refractory young man into the neighbourhood of the young lady and caught him with a polite "Miss B. —, allow me to present my friend, Mr. S. —, just as he was about to escape

white with fear. The committee then held a little exclusive jubilee for the rest of the evening, including that necessity of a forum-meeting - refreshments, and after some of the strictest church members of the club had danced two or three more dances, the forum vanished from the festive scene, and voted the occasion a forum field day.

4205 Walnut St.
Thursday, March 9/82.

The forum gathered itself together in the usual detachments and in the usual order, some of the members considering it as much of a duty to come late to the forum as to be late for church.

The fuggler is proud to record that for the first time within his recollection, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously and the usual preliminary formalities having been disposed of and communications read from Dr. Boyd, Mr. J. C. Boyd got upon his feet and in his historical and oratorical attitude made a mysterious and incendiary speech, winding

up with a request for the discharge of a mysterious committee, whose existence is as mythical as that of Mr. Harris. Mr. Boyd was interrupted by numerous threatening calls for explanations, and murmurs of disapproval, but like his prototype, Mare Antony, he only spoke right on. When he finally came to an end, however, Mr. Sparhawk kindly took his place and continued the mysterious and incendiary speech with much wit and was greeted at the close with prolonged applause.

The President then kindly took in hand the reading of the first two chapters of the novel, on which it is not the province of the Juggler to comment, as this will be freely

attended to by each individual member of the club.

The usual call for a financial report from the juggler was made by some individuals who seem to be laboring under the delusion that dividends are payable at every meeting. They had to be satisfied, however, with the usual report of many dues but little cash.

After adjournment, the game of "lawyer, or the inquisitive conductor" was tried with success and then the 5 cent exploration was started as an overture to the play of "A bad case", which was produced with the following cast

Miss Dalrymple -	Miss C. Conegys
Miss Sylvia —	Miss Franklin
Lucy —————	Miss M. E. Conegys
Dr. Rockwell ———	Mr. Howson

At the fall of the hypothetical curtain, the players and audience moved out to the refreshments, which were attended to with the usual appreciation.

Mr J. C. Boyd then exhibited his living and laughing statues to a couple who, after examining all the goods, declined to buy, but promised to call again some other evening, when the forum meets.

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